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Hongkong, 14th April, 1909.

## THE “NEPTUNE” LAUNCHED.

## BIGGEST BATTLESHIP AFLOAT.

Portsmouth yesterday put out all its boating, gave itself a holiday, and hurried into the dockyard, at the invitation of the Admiralty, to see the Duchess of Albany christen and launch H. M. S. *Neptune*, reports the *Morning Leader* of yesterday.

The *Neptune* out-dreadnoughts its epoch-making family in which it is the eighth child—and so is the biggest and most terrible engine of naval warfare now afloat; for the dockyard, proud of its craftsmanship, took good care that its chief ducrue should not be marred by the first mallet stroke of the Duchess, and therefore the vast warship took the water, in a way which delighted the multitude who watched her glide down to it. It was wonderfully well done. It looked too easy to be the very fine job.

But in the launching of a big ship there is only one axiom which holds good—"One never knows." And those who know most are the most anxious, especially when royalty is there to give the final touch to their handiwork, and the country is looking on to see the result. When the weights are released to fall on the dog-shores, and the vessel hesitates for a second before deciding what to do, that second is very long and tense, for the next may show the splendid climax to many months of planning and labour, or—inevitable humiliation.

ENORMOUS CROWDS.

Long before the ceremony the crowds were pouring through the Admiralty yards, and gathered to port and starboard of the new ship. In spite of the grey day the ladies did honour to the occasion with their gayest picture hats and costumes; but the array of full-dress naval and military uniforms put the "creation" on the radiant counter. The lieutenant and his sisters were there, and the shipwright and his "missus."

A high, expansive, and decorated stand was at the Neptune's prow, and there the notabilities gathered who awaited the Duchess of Albany. A little way into this stand the warship poked its huge nose, on which hung a garland of geraniums, white chrysanthemums, and amilax.

From the launching stand most of the sky and all the world beyond the building-slip was blotted out by the towering bulk of the warship. Its grey and vermillion hull dominated everything, and even shut out the sky. It looked as immobile as the hills. In the cavernous dark hollows the hull sounded fir-timber hammer and knocking, and in and out the timbers and dockyard gear around her hundreds of busy shipwrights swarmed. On her deck the sailors were singing chorales—something you never hear in a contractor's yard—and the combined bands of the Royal Marine Artillery and the Royal Marine Light Infantry played sea songs to us; and the gnomes, out of sight below the ship kept up their eternal tap-tapping.

THE CHRISTENING.

Just before eleven o'clock the Duchess of Albany, accompanied by Sir A. and Lady Fanshawe, drove up to the building-slip, where the guard of honour of seamen from the naval barracks and the gunnery school stood at the salute. Her Royal Highness was received by Rear Admiral Alvan G. Tate, admiral superintendent, and the principal officers of the dockyard.

Two little buglers, who had to poke up their big white helmets to get their bugles to their lips, ran-tara-ded down the hull from the stand, and the workmen ceased their noise. The chaplain, with a row of medals on his gown, began the religious ceremony.

Little choir boys in white chanted the 107th Psalm, "Confitebimur Domino," and then the congregation sang "Eternal Father, strong to save." The ship was blessed.

The bottle of christening wine was curiously hidden in the garland. The Duchess raised the garland and then let it fall back, shattering the glass, and the wine streamed down the stem. In a resonant voice she cried, "Success to the Neptune and all who sail in her."

In the pause that ensued a gong sounded beneath the ship, and out came the workmen running. From an oak casket a dainty little mallet and a handsome (but business-like) chisel were taken, while Mr. Aspy, manager of the constructive department of the dockyard, held the chisel against the cord holding the weight poised above the dog-shores—her Royal Highness struck. At the second blow the cord flew, and the weight banged in the cradle.

"SHE'S OFF!"

For a most tense and silent second or two nothing further happened. Then the quick-sighted began to cheer. "She's off!"

While the band struck up "Rule Britannia" and the crowd was roaring the Neptune gathered way, dropped, and diminished before us, and passed the last of the staging in a flash of red and grey. The daylight filled the place where she had been, and the Neptune's bows, the fountains all round, cutted to us on the water.

The crowd was still cheering, the band was playing, and down below our grandstand his mates were picking up a workman who, while the ship was passing, had fallen from a staging, upon the granite and iron baffle. The people in the stand were divided between the big, new war craft in the distance, dropping her anchors for the first time, and the workmen who were being carried away below, his upturned face very dreadful.

"Ah," said an old shipwright, sadly, who stood beside the "Leader" representative watching the procession with the injured man; "ah, now she's all right. She wasn't going to be satisfied with wine."

"Eh?" said the "Leader" visitor, surprised.

"I say she wasn't going to be satisfied with yellow wine. She wanted the real thing. Now she's all right." The ancient sage, of whom that bottle of colonial wine hidden in down,

was but a refined and polite survival, was betrayed by that old shipmaker. Out on the water the boats were busy saving the grease which had come from the slips.

## SPECIALITIES OF THE NEW SHIP.

Nobody outside the Admiralty is really aware of the Neptune's specialities. The officials have refused all particulars. Even her length and beam have to be guessed at. She is 530 ft. long, has a beam of 84 ft., and her displacement is over 20,000 tons. Her propelling machinery will be turbine, and will give 21 knots, with 25,000 h.p. She will have, like the other Dreadnoughts, four propellers and two rudders. Her armour will be very similar to that of her sister ships, but it is known that it will be more effective. Her armament will be, of course, on the all-big-gun principle—ten 12-inch guns—but that, too, will be bettered from the experience gained in airming her sister ships. The five barrels in which the guns are mounted are to be placed so as to give a more effective fire. The Neptune has her armament disposed so as to give a broadside of ten guns (against the Dreadnought's eight). The Neptune can fire eight guns a stern, and six ahead. Her anti-torpedo armament consists of 4.7s, another improvement on the Dreadnought.

such conditions, and in most of the cases some one is ill or has just made a bad recovery from illness. The ladies look as if the difficulty of forty people bathing at one tap had been insuperable. Their common indoor attire is a long white garment which resembles a dressing-gown. The children are mostly in rags and both vermin and skin diseases abound.

The men are chiefly employed on casual jobs. They are often out of work, and when in work earn only from Rs. 30 to Rs. 50. How far this chance employment is due to their want of steady application, or to the inconstant character of the employment is not clear.

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HONGKONG and KOWLOON.

Hongkong, 15th July, 1909

tion of cereals, which varies from year to year without regard to general progress, it is worthy of note that if the importation of rice be excluded from the net value of trade for 1907 and 1908, the increase of Hk. Tls. 1,056,288 is changed to a decrease of Hk. Tls. 1,056,288. It would be dangerous to dogmatise in anything connected with the trade passing the Lappa stations, which is always bound to be affected by various causes producing abnormal variation, such as bad crops and the general perturbation caused by the unsettled climatic and financial conditions of the neighbouring districts on the mainland; but so far as the present outlook is concerned, there are no signs that the course of trade in this district will show any extraordinary development.

Among the causes operating against any development of trade may be mentioned the substitution of the steamer for the slow and old-fashioned junk, whereby a considerable amount of cargo from the Lulchow prefecture, which formerly reported at the Lappa stations, now reaches Macao from Kwangchowwan direct, and the gradual removal of trade from Macao.

DECLINE IN THE TRADE OF MACAO which has been very marked of recent years, is an unfortunate fact, and the reasons relating to this question merit special consideration. The tendency towards extinction of the tea trade, the drawing by several important ports of supplies from Canton instead of Macao; the absence of a good harbour, due to the silting up of the approaches to the port, are all factors which contribute to the diminution of the prosperity of the colony, and unless present conditions are altered it is difficult to see how trade can improve. Conflicting reports have been circulated as to the intention of the Government in respect to this important matter; but my information, from a source which should be reliable, gives me reason to think that the assumption of office as Governor by His Excellency Colonel Rocadas, who in a successful campaign in Africa showed himself possessed of great power of personal initiative, will bring about the improvement in the fortunes of the colony which is being counted upon. A commission, consisting of high Government officials, native gentry, and leading merchants, was appointed during the year to consider the causes of the decline which has taken place in Macao's trade, and to propose remedial measures. There still remains uncertainty as to the exact nature of the decisions arrived at, but it is generally understood that the improvement of the harbour by means of jetties, dredging, and other engineering works is to be urged as a matter of supreme importance. The advantages of the

GEOPGRAPHICAL POSITION of MACAO will never be fully realised until the long-existing impediment to direct communication with the sea for deeply laden vessels has been entirely swept away. The nature of the work and the obstacles to be overcome are very great, and a growth of trade will not be obtained without severe struggles with existing circumstances and hard work on the part of those interested. That trade in this district would be largely affected by an increase in the prosperity of Macao is self-evident; to declare otherwise would be to betray a want of knowledge of the relationship that exists between the colony and the Lappa stations. Frequent and urgent injunctions from the Viceroy to exercise increased vigilance for the prevention of the

IMPORTATION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION into China have been received during the year, and exceptional measures have been adopted with the desired object in view. An event of importance was the assumption by this office during the year of control over the numerous junks which fish in and around Chinese waters. These junks, about 3,000 in number, are registered and licensed at the Harbour Master's office at Macao, and registration is now insisted upon by this office as well, the register being at the same time a license stating the number of old-fashioned arms allowed for self-protection but forbidding the carriage of arms of precision. At the request of the Salt Commissioner the policy hitherto adopted by this office of non-interference with salt has been abandoned, and during the year 573 piculs of uncertified salt were seized and forwarded to the Shaki Salt Bureau. Work on

THE SUNNING-YUNKONG RAILWAY, the construction of which is due to the enterprise of the native merchants of the Sunning district, among whom are to be numbered many returned emigrants from America and Australia, has proceeded apace. It was originally decided to construct the railway from Sunning to Samkap, a distance of about 40 miles, but owing to various objections raised by the inhabitants of the former village, this scheme was changed, and Kungyifow was decided upon as the northern terminus. Of the 21 sections into which the line is divided, 19 have already been opened to traffic; the section from Kungyifow to Sunning, a distance of over 16 miles, in January; that from Sunning to Samkap in July; that from Samkap to Fungling in August; and that from Fungling to Chonglow in September. Of the two sections still to be opened, the one to Towshan is almost ready, two or three bridges alone remaining to be completed. Work on the other section, from Towshan to Samkap, the southern terminus, is delayed pending a settlement by the provincial authorities of the question of purchase of land in the neighbourhood, as owing to the rumour that Samkap is to be opened to trade, landowners in this district are demanding high prices before consenting to part with their holdings. Between Kungyifow and Towshan there are at present six trains, running daily. The traffic receipts during the year amounted to over \$28,000, and an increase in collection is confidently expected to follow on the opening of the section from Towshan to Samkap. Damage to the extent of some \$6,000 was done to the line during the floods in August.

The picture of Macao's present-day position and future prospects is not overdrawn by any means, and unless the powers that be in Portugal awake to a sense of their duty and obligations and allow the local administration sufficient latitude

to carry out, without further loss of time, the project for the salvation of Macao, the fate of the neighbouring Colony as a trade centre is for ever doomed. In H.E. Senator Eduardo Marques, the present Governor, Macao possesses an administrator who has given tangible proof of his ability to govern a colony as its affairs should be administered, and were the Minister to neglect their duty to Portugal's ancient possession in the East any longer, the blame will attach to the Home Government for culpable neglect of what may prove its last opportunity to regenerate the destinies of the earliest European settlement in China.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE French mail of the 28th September was delivered to London on the 27th inst.

MR. E. R. Hallifax returned from leave yesterday and took his seat as First Magistrate in the Police Court to-day.

It is stated that Prince Tsai Hsia intends to send delegates to France to purchase some airships and also to study their construction.

THE Admiralty announce the appointment of Surgeon C. H. Dawe to the *Widgeon*, and Surgeon A. B. Cox to the *Britannia*, undated.

Owing to his many enemies in the Government, ex-Viceroy Tso Chuan-hsien has declined to accept office on the plea of ill-health.

MR. TSO Ju-lio, Acting Councillor in the Waiwupu, has been dispatched to Manchuria to arrange a settlement of pending questions there.

MAJOR H. de T. Phillips, R.G.A., in command of the Hongkong Singapore Battalion, R.G.A., receives early promotion to his lieutenant-colonelcy.

THE Waiwupu, it is said, is experiencing great perplexity as the foreign diplomatic representatives in Peking have raised side issues in the Yuet-Han Railway Loan question.

AFTER consultation with the Imperial Residents in Lhasa the Peking Government has decided to create the post of a Commissioner of Education and a Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in Tibet.

THE third annual dinner of the "Past and Present Buffs" will take place on Oct. 28 in the Victoria Restaurant, London, when a good turnout of the regiment is expected. The last year's functions were most successful and quite justified such pleasant reunions.

MESSRS. F. W. Barker and Co. of Singapore, have received a telegram from the head office of Laodong Rubber Estates, Ltd., advising them that the directors, at a board meeting held on the 19th inst., have declared an interim dividend of 6 per cent. payable to shareholders on the register on November 1, next.

THERE was a large attendance at Messrs. Patrick and Simpson's rooms, Leicester-square, on 8th ult., to witness the disposal of a collection of scarce postage-stamps, including a North Borneo, 1891-92, 6 cents on 8 cents green, with "postage" only (one of the very rarest stamps of this country), which realised £10.10s.

THIS evening at the Union Church Literary Club, Kennedy Road, Prepared Speeches on various subjects will be delivered by Messrs. P. H. Holyoak, E. F. Auton, and E. Gaster, to be followed by a discussion; during which coffee and fruit will be served. All members are requested to attend. The chair will be taken at 9 p.m. sharp, by Mr. F. Browne.

THE wedding of Mr. H. Schroeder, of the Tong-shan Cement Works, with Miss Saliot was celebrated at the Russian Consulate, Tientsin, on the 18th inst. The bride had just arrived that morning from Denmark via Siberia. In connection with the happy event, says the *P. & T. Times*, "Count and Comteess" Ahfeld held a tiffin in the Astor House Hotel, when covers were laid for twenty guests.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the hospitals:-

Hospital Sunday.

St. John's Cathedral ..... \$121.51

Union Church ..... 124.63

Wesleyan Chinese Church ..... 49.90

St. Paul's College Chapel ..... 6.29

THE trooper *Rosa* has left Southampton with troops on board for the Far East, including drafts for the 3rd Battalion Middlesex Regiment, Singapore; and the 2nd Battalion East Kent Regiment, Hongkong. The *Rosa* also takes drafts for Gibraltar, Malta, Egypt, and Ceylon. She will reach Singapore on the 29th, Hongkong on Nov. 4, and, resuming her home voyage, will call again at Singapore on Nov. 22, and will arrive at Southampton on Dec. 12. She will ship various drafts at Hongkong and Singapore, including those from the North China Command.

## A QUESTION OF COSTS.

## DISCUSSION IN THE SUMMARY COURT.

In the course of a summary action at the Supreme Court this afternoon, Mr. Otto Kong Sing, for the plaintiff, asked for the cost of the day owing to innumerable postponements.

Mr. Reader Harris (for defendant)—Ten dollars will do, my Lord? I understand it is the usual practice in this Court to fix the cost of the day at \$10. I have it on the authority of my friend Mr. Goldring, who had a similar case some time ago.

Mr. Kong Sing—No, my Lord. I will fix the cost.

His Lordship overruled Mr. Harris's suggestion.

## RUGBY.

The following players have been chosen to represent the Club against H.M.S. *Tamar*, on Friday next, 29th inst., commencing at 5.45 p.m.—Messrs. Shaw, Carroll, Kirby, Oliver, Gill, Clinton, Clarke, Lester, Thickstone, Wolfe, Robertson, Hone, Courtney, Heathcote, and McLeraith.

## M. P. S. CRITICISMS OF SIR FREDERICK LUGARD.

## THE WEISMANN PROSECUTION.

## DECISION RESERVED.

## HONGKONG TELEGRAPH'S PROTEST ENDORSED BY LONDON JOURNAL.

The following is from the *London & China Express* of 1st Oct.:-

We note that one of our Hongkong contemporaries makes a forcible protest against the action of an obscure member of the House of Commons, in seeking to misrepresent the statement adopted by His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard with respect to the anti-opium measures in the Legislative Council. The member in question, a Mr. Bennett, deliberately declared that "In Hongkong, there has been some measure of progress, although it had met with the utmost opposition from the Imperial servants of this country." And yet it is a fact that a good many people in the Colony have accused Sir Frederick of robbing these anti-opium measures through the Legislative Council. They have alleged that he has ignored the interests of the Colony in his anxiety to carry out the wishes of the Imperial Government. We may endorse the protest of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, which truly describes his Excellency as being between the devil and the deep sea.

## CANTON DAY BY DAY.

## MR. FAIRBANKS IN CANTON.

## [From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 27th October.

Mr. Fairbanks, the ex-vice-president of the United States of America, arrived here the other day, and accompanied by the American Consul-General at Canton, he called on H.E. Viceroy Yuan Shu Hsien, who received the distinguished visitor at 10 o'clock this morning.

H.E. Yuan has visited Mr. Fairbanks to luncheon at noon to-morrow and there will be also present the Foreign Consul at Canton as well as the Tatar General, Admiral Li Chun and the Commander-in-Chief of the Kwangtung Land Forces, Chun Piog Chik. At 2.30 this afternoon, at the invitation of the Canton Young Men's Christian Association, the distinguished American visitor delivered a lecture in the Canton Medical College; there was a large attendance.

## STREETS INUNDATED.

In consequence of heavy rains yesterday, many streets in the western suburb of the city were under water for some time in the morning. On account of the excessive rain, a shop, No. 10, Lok On street, in the vicinity of Yau Lan Moon, collapsed at 11.25 p.m. yesterday. Two men were buried under the debris. Assistance was promptly rendered by the people in the neighbouring shops to recover the two unfortunate souls; one of them was already dead and the other in a serious condition when extricated. There is little hope that the latter will live.

## OPIUM.

From the 1st day of the 1st inst. the Canton Prepared Opium Company has increased the price on prepared opium by four candlesticks per tael.

## FOODS.

Telegrams have been received from the districts of Weichow, Tsiang Shing, Tung Kuei and Kwei Shin reporting that floods have occurred in these places after the typhoon of the 20th inst. The despatches appeal for assistance to relieve the sufferers by the Shau How Kok and the Central Relief Committee. From the present outlook of affairs it appears that the districts along the West River suffered most from the floods after the typhoon.

## RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

On the 25th instant at Wongtau; two men had their hands and legs badly injured by an incoming train approaching the station. The men are now under medical treatment by the Canton Red Cross Society.

## COUNSEL CONCURRED AND FURTHER ARGUMENT WAS ADJOURNED FOR A FORTNIGHT.

Counsel concurred and further argument was adjourned for a fortnight.

## VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

## FORTHCOMING REGATTA.

The crews for the Chairman's Challenge Cup of the W.R.C. regatta were drawn last night at the Club-house.

There are altogether six crews which will be captained by the following gentlemen: Messrs. C. A. C. Rodrigues, H. Rapp, J. A. S. Alves, L. A. Musso, A. E. S. Alves, and L. E. Lammer. The race will probably be rowed in boats. It was decided that each crew should get their own cox. All the entrants have been stroking for crews in former V.R.C. Regattas, with the exception of Mr. Rodrigues who is a new hand in it. Still it will be remembered that the first time he stroked a crew was in the Griffin's Race last year at the Hongkong Regatta, when his crew was composed of inexperienced men, yet they put in a grand race and won easily. Mr. Rodrigues' crew for the forthcoming meeting should do well. The lightest of the six crews is that represented by Mr. J. A. S. Alves.

The crews for the Chairman's Challenge Cup are:—

1.—C. A. C. Rodrigues ..... Stroke.

2.—A. V. Barros ..... 3.

3.—H. C. Saylor ..... 2.

4.—A. J. V. Ribeiro ..... Bow.

5.—H. Rapp ..... Stroke.

6.—F. L. da Rosa ..... 3.

7.—J. M. C. Lopes ..... 2.

8.—R. Galuzzi ..... Bow.

9.—J. A. S. Alves ..... Stroke.

10.—A. H. Carroll ..... 3.

11.—J. M. Rosa Pereira ..... 2.

12.—A. R. Ellis ..... Bow.

13.—L. A. Musso ..... Stroke.

14.—S. Bell ..... 3.

15.—H. S. Jephson ..... 2.

16.—C. Alvarado ..... Bow.

17.—A. A. Carvalho ..... 3.

18.—M. A. R. Souza ..... Bow.

19.—L. H. Lammer ..... Stroke.

20.—A. J. Mackie ..... 3.

21.—F. K. Tata ..... 2.

22.—F. Lettau ..... Bow.

23.—O. Boppi, A. E. Ellis, C. M. S. B. Reserves ..... Stroke.

24.—A. V. da Silva, A. Lopes and Tomás Alves ..... Bow.

25.—The C. N. Co's a.s. *Asiatic* left Shanghai on 28th inst., and is due here on 31st inst.

26.—

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber this afternoon. Present:—His Excellency the Governor, Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G., His Excellency Major-General R. G. Broadwood, C.B., (Commanding the Forces), Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., (Colonial Secretary), Hon. Mr. F. A. Hoste (Attorney-General), Hon. Mr. C. Mcl. Muster (Colonial Treasurer), Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones (Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. F. J. Badeney (Captain Superintendent of Police), Hon. Mr. A. W. Brewin (Registrar General), Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M.G., Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart, and Mr. C. Clements (Clerk of Council).

## MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

## FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 47 to 50. It was agreed that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

## NEW MEMBER.

Mr. Hazland took the statutory oath of office and his seat at the Council.

## LIQUOR LICENCES.

The Resolution under Section 6 of the Liquor Licences Extension Ordinance, 1908, was not proceeded with.

## AFTER THE GALE.

His Excellency the Governor, in referring to Financial Minute No. 50, said: It may interest the members of the Council to know what has been done. On the 2nd the *Calcutta* brought in news and signalled also at Gap Rock to the effect that there was a large number of dismasted junks to the south-west and the west of Gap Rock. We immediately sent out the *David Gillies*, which was hired from the Dock Company. She left at 2 a.m. the same night in order to arrive on the scene at daylight the following morning. She brought in 52 men from the various junks and brought in tow one junk. At the same time I applied to the Commodore asking him to give assistance. He sent out two destroyers and brought in two junks and gave rice and water to the various crews. Next day two destroyers went out and brought in three more junks and gave rice and water. On the Monday further reports reached us from Gap Rock that there was a number of derelict junks floating about. I again communicated with the Commodore and on Monday night he sent out two destroyers and the *Calcutta*. They have not yet returned. They took 300 lbs. of rice each and the *Stanley*, which was passing on that day to make her usual fortnightly trip to Gap Rock, also took out 300 lbs. of rice. The hire of the *David Gillies* cost \$500 and 2,700 lbs. of rice cost \$13, and the Financial Minute now before the Council is for that amount. I may also say that the *Telemachus* brought in eleven men and the *Mathilda* six junks, which is a most creditable performance (Applause). The *Helene* also brought in sixteen men and I have just heard that the *Quinta* towed a junk into safety (Applause). Other vessels have brought in other junks. The total is 82 men saved and 11 junks (Applause).

## MR. CARTER'S RETIREMENT.

Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett asked the following questions of which he had given notice:

1.—As it is understood that Mr. A. Carter, Sanitary Surveyor, has been retired from the Government service, will the Honourable the Colonial Secretary inform the Council when this official first received notice as to his being pensioned?

2.—Is it not a fact that Mr. Carter was at home on leave for nearly a twelve-month in the full belief that he was to return to this Colony and that within five weeks of the date of the expiry of his leave (as shown in the Civil Service List) and when he was on the point of leaving England to take up his appointment here he was for the first time informed by the Colonial Office that his services were no longer required?

3.—Will the Government, taking into consideration the fact of Mr. Carter's good service, and that owing to his age he is now no longer eligible for obtaining fresh employment in a Government or municipal office, recommend to the Secretary of State that under the exceptional circumstances of the case Mr. Carter be granted a special pension of say £150 p.a., or as an alternative an offer of re-employment here on similar conditions to those of his former post?

4.—In the event of the Government being unable to agree to this will His Excellency consent to refer the question as now raised to the Secretary of State?

The Colonial Secretary replied:

1. Mr. Carter first received notice of the intention to place him on a pension in a letter from the Colonial Office dated the 28th of July.

2. It is a fact that Mr. Carter went home on a year's leave on 1st September, 1908. He applied for three months' extension of that leave prior to the intimation above referred to conveyed to him on 24th July and he has been granted an extension of his leave of two months.

3. Mr. H. W. Just of the Colonial Office in a letter to Mr. Carter dated the 14th of last September wrote: "With regard to your request for a special pension I am to observe that you have been granted the addition allowed under the regulations for abolition of office and that it is not possible to consider the grant of a special pension."

4. The point has already been placed before the Secretary of State. The Government has already considered the possibility of employing Mr. Carter in some capacity and should a suitable vacancy arise his claim to re-employment will not be overlooked. (Applause.)

## PRAYER RECLAMATION-SITE.

Hon. Mr. M. Stewart, pursuant to notice, asked:—To whom, for what public purpose, and for how long has the plot of Government ground between the New Law Courts and the Praya been let?

The Director of Public Works said:—This ground with the exception of the strip immedi-

ately in front of the Hongkong Club (temporarily occupied by Mr. Chan A Tong for work in connection with his contract for the New Law Courts) has been let since 1st December, 1906, to Messrs. Sang Lee & Co. for their work in connection with the contract for the Post Office. The ground is to be cleared on 3 months' notice in writing from the Director of Public Works.

Mr. Stewart:—Will the Government undertake to have the plot in question cleared and made presentable as soon as it is no longer necessary to the work on the Law Courts and the Post Office so that it will not remain in its present unsightly state?

His Excellency the Governor:—I think it would be desirable if you gave notice of that question. The present intention is to clear the plot as soon as it may be, but I should like to have notice of the question.

## SUNDISINARY COINS.

Mr. Stewart gave notice that he would, at the next meeting of the Council, move: That in the opinion of this Council the issue of a new subsidiary coinage at par would not be successful unless the use of all other subsidiary coins were prohibited within the Colony and that, in the circumstances, it is undesirable to deal with the matter except as far as a comprehensive scheme of local currency revenue.

## APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Five million six hundred and twenty-five thousand six hundred and eighty-threecents to the Public Service of the year 1909. The Bill was reported by the Finance Committee without amendment.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Colonial Treasurer, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

## COLONIAL CEMETERY.

The Attorney General moved that Council go into Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to set apart certain Crown Land to be used as a burial ground for persons professing the Christian Religion, other than members of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Agreed.

After consideration in Committee, Council resumed and the Bill, being reported without amendment, was read a third time and passed.

## TYphoon REFUGE.

On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorize the Construction and Maintenance of a Harbour of Refuge upon and over certain portions of the Sea Bed and Flotsam situated upon the Harbour frontage at Taikoo-tai, Mongkok-sui, and Yaumati, Kowloon, in this Colony, was postponed.

## TRADE MARKS.

The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Trade Marks.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Agreed.

Council then went into Committee on the Bill, it being left at that stage.

## STEAM BOILERS.

The reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the periodical Inspection of Steam Boilers and Prime Movers, was passed on the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary.

## WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSIONS.

The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Agreed.

The Council went into Committee on the Bill.

The Bill passed Committee, without amendment, and was read a third time.

## WOMEN AND GIRLS' PROTECTION.

The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance, 1897, as amended by the Protection of Women and Girls Amendment Ordinance, 1905.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

The motion was adopted.

Council went into Committee.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

## RECREATION GROUNDS.

The Attorney moved, and the Colonial Secretary seconded, the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the Reservation of certain lands in Victoria, in the Peak District, and in Kowloon as Recreation Grounds, and to provide for Regulations as to the use thereof.

Agreed.

The Bill went through Committee, was read a third time and passed.

## PUBLIC PLACES REGULATION.

The second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Public Places Regulation Ordinance, 1870, was passed on the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary.

The Bill went through Committee, was read a third time and passed.

## CHINESE EXTRADITION.

The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Chinese Extradition Ordinance, 1889.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Agreed.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

## POSTPONEMENT.

The following Bills were not proceeded with:

Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Tramway Ordinance, 1901.

Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Licences Ordinance, 1908, and the Liquor Licences Extension Ordinance, 1908, and to repeal the Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, 1908.

ADJOURNMENT.  
The Council adjourned until Thursday, the 11th prox.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the meeting of Council, the Colonial Secretary presiding. It was agreed to recommend that the following votes be adopted by the Council:

## KOWLOON WATERWORKS.

A sum of one thousand six hundred dollars in aid of the vote, Public Works, Recurrent, Water Works, Maintenance of Kowloon.

## LAND REGISTRY OFFICE.

A sum of ninety dollars in aid of the vote, Judicial and Legal Departments, Land Registry Office, Other Charges, Incidental Expenses.

## COAL.

A sum of five hundred dollars in aid of the vote, Miscellaneous Services, Coal.

## CHARITABLE SERVICES.

A sum of six hundred and fourteen dollars in aid of the vote, Charitable Services, Passages and Relief of Destitutes.

This was all the business.

## PRINCE ITO IN MANCHURIA.

## PROSPECTIVE RESULTS OF THE TOUR.

In view of the tragedy at Harbin on Tuesday, which culminated in the assassination of Prince Ito by a Korean fanatic, the following from the *Shanghai Times* will be read with melancholy interest:—The present trip which Prince Ito is making to Manchuria is one of the most significant events in Far Eastern affairs. Notwithstanding official statements issued as to the private character of the trip, the Japanese newspapers, according to one of our late telegrams, are already discussing the results of the trip as to the economic relations between China, Russia and Korea in Manchuria. Japan has frequently expressed adherence to the policy of the "open door" in China, but we are afraid that the interpretation of this phrase means with her, as with other nations, an open door to exploit China. In other words, China must not close her doors to any nation, but must allow each one in its turn to gain what it can. Manchuria is one of the richest portions of the Chinese Empire, and an open door into its resources means the entry upon an avenue leading to great wealth. It is largely an undeveloped country, and in this respect differs from any other part of China. It will be much easier to mould this growing country into a shape agreeable to outside influences, than would be possible in the older and more thickly settled parts of the Empire. Prince Ito's experience in the rapid changes which have come over his own country, during the last two generations, and his recent experience in the denationalization of Korea, give him exceptional qualifications for the formation of an expert opinion as to the present conditions and future probabilities in Manchuria. 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## TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.	18 11/16
London—Bank T.T.	18 11/16
Do. demand	18 1/2
Do. 4 months' sight	19
France—Bank T.T.	21/2
America—Bank T.T.	42
Germany—Bank T.T.	1/2
India T.T.	1/2
Do. demand	1/2
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	74
Singapore—Bank T.T. per H. K. \$100	73
Japan—Bank T.T.	84
Java—Bank T.T.	194
Buying.	
4 months' sight L/C.	19 3/16
6 months' sight L/C.	19 5/16
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York	43
4 months' sight do.	44
30 days' sight Sydney & Melbourne	9 7/16
4 months' sight France	12
6 months' sight	24
4 months' sight Germany	18
Bar Silver	3 3/16
Bank of England rate	5%
Switzerland	11/20

## Shipping.

## Arrivals.

Devonha, Br. s.s. 4,285, H. Powell	17th Oct.
Bombay 13th Oct.	13th Oct.
Mails and Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.	
Bingo Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,873, A. Christensen	27th Oct.
—arrived via Singapore 22nd Oct.	
Gen.—N. Y. K.	
Chesapeake, Br. s.s. 1,300, J. H. Brown	27th Oct.
—Shanghai 24th Oct. Gen.—H. & S.	
Gloucest. Br. s.s. 2,934, W. Larkins	27th Oct.
—Singapore 2nd Oct. Gen.—Chile.	
Saeki Maru, Ger. s.s. 1,793, C. Wolff	27th Oct.
—Sousabaya (Ulo Laut) 18th Oct. Sugar.	
H. & S.	
Helene, Ger. s.s. 1,711, J. J. Jessen	27th Oct.
Touraine and Hoitow 26th Oct. Gen.—J.	
& Co.	
Sobu Maru, Jap. s.s. 900, T. Sugi	27th Oct.
—Swatow 26th Oct. Gen.—O. S. K.	
Flanagan, Br. s.s. 1,045, R. Y. Anderson	27th Oct.
—Canton 27th Oct. Gen.—J. M. & C.	
Catherine Apçar, Br. s.s. 1,730, G. F. Hudson	28th Oct.
—Calcutta 10th Oct. via Penang and Singapore 22nd Oct. Gen.—D. S. & Co.	
Ld.	
Haitan, Br. s.s. 1,183, I. S. Roach	28th Oct.
—Amoy 17th Oct. Gen.—D. L. & Co.	
Dorwest, Br. s.s. 1,562, J. Jenkins	28th Oct.
—Siagon 23rd Oct. Gen.—Man Fat & Co.	
Sungklang, Br. s.s. 889, W. Shand	8th Oct.
—Hindu 2d Cebu 24th Oct. Suez and Hind. & S.	
Signal, Ger. s.s. 937, G. Schlaikier	28th Oct.
—Touraine 11th Oct. via Pulo Laut 18th Oct.	
Sugar and Melasses	J. & Co.
Flitpatrick, Br. s.s. 2,836, R. E. Hutchinson	28th Oct.
—Shanghai 24th Oct. Gen.—	
Order.	
Kweiyang, Br. s.s. 1,014, M. Dawson	28th Oct.
—Canton 27th Oct. Gen.—B. & S.	
Choyasang, Br. s.s. 1,424, M. Courtney	28th Oct.
—Canton 27th Oct. Gen.—J. M. & Co.	
Empress of China, Br. s.s. 3,046, R. Archibald	28th Oct.
—Vancouver, B.C. 6th Oct.	
and Shanghai 10th, Flour, Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.	
Gregory Apçar, Br. s.s. 2,061, S. H. Benson	28th Oct.
—Vigo 23rd Oct. Coal and Gen.—D. S. & Co.	
Bonaria, Br. s.s. 2,510, J. D. Sarchet	28th Oct.
—Singapore 15th Oct. Gen.—G. L. & Co.	
Tjibidau, Dut. s.s. 2,230, P. Zwart	28th Oct.
—M. J. 24th Oct. Gen.—J. C. I. L.	

## Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Austria, for Singapore.	
Hongkong Maru, for Moji.	
Deutsch, for Shanghai.	
Chiayen, for Shanghai.	
Tingting, for Wakimatsu.	

## Oct. 28.

Devonha, for Shanghai.	
Hongkong Maru, for Moji.	
Silvia, for Shanghai.	
Chinawha, for Shanghai.	
Pitsiulok, for Swatow.	
Thaodit, for Swatow.	
Hangchow, for Amoy.	
Larrits, for Siagon.	
Chenan, for Canton.	
Aravon Apçar, for Shanghai.	
Chiayen, for Shanghai.	
Austria, for Calcutta.	

## Passenger arrivals.

Per Géniole, from Singapore	1,000, China.
Per A. H. from Shanghai	Mrs. Blair.
Mrs. Lloyd Jones, Dr. Gaus, and Mr. Howard	Per Deneau, for Hongkong from London
Mr. A. E. Durnford, Mrs. Chaytor, Mr. H. S. Par, Mr. and Mrs. Macfie, infant and a native servant, Messrs. E. S. Lindsey and a native servant, E. H. Hamilton, Mr. Abbott, Messrs. D. Macfie, J. Smith and E. G. B. Lover, from Brindisi—Capt. and Mrs. Tabal. From Singapore—Post Staff Marines. From London for Manila—Mr. O. Tweath. From Brindisi—Capt. and Mrs. Habit. For Shanghai—Rev. L. D. M. Wedderburn, Mr. and Mrs. Birlow Wheeler and 2 infants, Mr. Millard, 2 infants and native servant, Miss E. H. Hamilton, Mrs. H. Potts and maid, Mr. Chaytor, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair and infant, Messrs. D. Macfie, H. Barry, Mrs. and Miss Macfie and infant, from Macfie—Mrs. Pebbles, Miss Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Hutton, Potts, infant and nurse, and Miss Anderson. From Bombay—Mr. S. T. Cleary. From Colombo—Mr. Prior. For Yokohama from London—Messrs. S. Stafford and C. Gifford. From Marseilles—Messrs. Paul Nepton, Abbott and T. Cohn, and native servant. From Bombay—Tata Ram, Paroudia and native servant. From Singapore—Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Campbell, infant and a native servant. From Marseilles—Messrs. R. and C. Pitman. Per Dermot from Saigon—677 Chinese. Per Gregory Apçar, from Moji—Mr. Shoot. Per Signal, from Sourabaya, &c.—149 Chinese. Per Haltas, from Amoy—Messrs. A. A. Brown and H. W. Livingston. From Calcutta, Mr. D. M. Henderson, 755 Chinese, 23 Indians, and a Japanese.	

Per H. K. Maru, from Antwerp, &c. for Hongkong	Mrs. G. Robinson and child.
Messrs. A. B. Bunting, A. Stokes, Dr. A. N. de Gribich, Mr. E. N. Burn, Mrs. N. Burn, Master B. Lillie, Messrs. J. O. Clark, F. F. Chaytor, and C. H. Mart. For Kobe—Mr. S. Macfie. For Yokohama—Capt. K. Koba.	

Yash 17th, Messrs. Chas. Brinklow, T. Sodtuk, R. Okamoto, H. Middleton, A. F. Fischer and H. Mifflin.	Per Empress of China, from Vancouver, B.C.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Hancock, Misses G. Huett, Silman, Mrs. H. Beckett, Russel, and Mr. Qian Wing, from Yokohama—Messrs. A. B. Rouse and C. E. H. Bawis. From Kobe—The Earl and Countess of Macleodfield and maid, Mr. W. Harvey, Major W. F. Walker, and Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Slade a nurse and a child.
London—Bank T.T.	18 11/16
Do. demand	18 1/2
Do. 4 months' sight	19
France—Bank T.T.	21/2
America—Bank T.T.	42
Germany—Bank T.T.	1/2
India T.T.	1/2
Do. demand	1/2
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	74
Singapore—Bank T.T. per H. K. \$100	73
Japan—Bank T.T.	84
Java—Bank T.T.	194
Buying.	
4 months' sight L/C.	19 3/16
6 months' sight L/C.	19 5/16
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York	43
4 months' sight do.	44
30 days' sight Sydney & Melbourne	9 7/16
4 months' sight France	12
6 months' sight	24
4 months' sight Germany	18
Bar Silver	3 3/16
Bank of England rate	5%
Switzerland	11/20

Passengers departed.	Per Nikko Maru, for Japan—Mr. Cahn, Mrs. Jensen, Mr. To Sin Tong and son, Mr. W. Gage, Misses L. and W. Gage, Messrs. Yee Fat, Tsoo, and Chao.
Per Maiko Maru, for London—Mr. and Mrs. G. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Cobbold, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. K. Oshima, Capt. and Mrs. Currie, Messrs. E. W. Tickler, C. Colson, Miss Kasahara, Messrs. Dawes, Payagway, Saito, and Takatu.	
Per Hakkō Maru, for London—Mr. V. Olofsson, Capt. and Mrs. H. Day, Mr. J. H. Schools, Lieut.-Comdr. Matsuzaka, Messrs. T. Wilson, W. Wilson, Jas. Guy, W. Wilson, P. A. Van Stadt, Mrs. Toyamasa, and Mr. Ishida.	
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—Shanghai 24th Oct. Gen.—H. & S.	
Gloucest. Br. s.s. 2,934, W. Larkins	27th Oct.
—Singapore 2nd Oct. Gen.—Chile.	
Saeki Maru, Ger. s.s. 1,793, C. Wolff	27th Oct.
—Sousabaya (Ulo Laut) 18th Oct. Sugar.	
H. & S.	
Helene, Ger. s.s. 1,711, J. J. Jessen	27th Oct.
Touraine and Hoitow 26th Oct. Gen.—J.	
& Co.	
Sobu Maru, Jap. s.s. 900, T. Sugi	27th Oct.
—Swatow 26th Oct. Gen.—O. S. K.	
Flanagan, Br. s.s. 1,045, R. Y. Anderson	27th Oct.
—Canton 27th Oct. Gen.—J. M. & C.	
Catherine Apçar, Br. s.s. 1,730, G. F. Hudson	28th Oct.
—Calcutta 10th Oct. via Penang and Singapore 22nd Oct. Gen.—D. S. & Co.	
Ld.	
Haitan, Br. s.s. 1,183, I. S. Roach	28th Oct.
—Amoy 17th Oct. Gen.—D. L. & Co.	
Dorwest, Br. s.s. 1,562, J. Jenkins	28th Oct.
—Siagon 23rd Oct. Gen.—Man.	
Co.	
Tjibidau, Dut. s.s. 2,230, P. Zwart	28th Oct.
—M. J. 24th Oct. Gen.—J. C. I. L.	

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## SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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ST. CKA.	NO. OF SHARES.	VAL. <sup>1/-</sup>	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT CLOSING MARKET LAST FRAN'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATION.
				RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT		
BANKS.							
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	£125	\$125	{ £1,500,000 £15,000 £10,000	£2,000,810	Interim of £2 for account 1909 @ ex 1/9/08 = £12,72	4% £995 London £91
National Bank of China, Limited	11,025	£7	£6	{ £4,000 £5,000	£30,552	5s (London 3/6) for 1908	... 565 buyers
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	£100	£50	{ £1,500,000 £154,153 £102,791 £15,000	none	5s for 1st 8	7/8% 516s ex d.v. s.
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£15	{ £1,250,000 £10,257 £1,18,577	Tls. 160,512	Interim of 7/6 for 1908	50% Tls. 103
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	15,400	£100	£100	{ £1,000,000 £100,000 £100,000 £100,000	£8,464,911	Final of £17 making £1,7 for 1907 and Interim of £30 (1st 1908)	51% £847
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	£100	£60	{ £1,000,000 £100,000 £100,000 £100,000	£7,763	5s and bonus £3 for 1907	71% £328 sellers
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	6,000	£100	£20	{ £1,000,000 £100,000 £100,000	£375,341	5s and bonus £1 for 1908	7% £14
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	£100	£50	{ £1,488,173	£308,721	5s for 1907	8% £375
SHIPPING.							
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	£25	£25	{ £1,000	£1,025	5s for 1906	... 584 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	£50	£50	{ £1,000 £100,000	Nil	2s for year ending 30.6.1908	7% £33
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	£15	£15	{ £1,000,000 £10,167 £1,645	£21,790	Interim of £1 for account 1909	51% £31 sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	60,000	£5	£5	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£1,3755	6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9/11/16 = £1,154 Final of 2/- for 1908 and Interim of 1/- for 1st 1909	... 560 buyers
Shell Transport and Trading Company, Limited	1,000,000	£1	£1	{ £1,000,000 £100,000	£68,819	... 73% buyers	... 73% buyers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	£10	£10	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£8,121	5s (1st 1908) for year ending 13.4.1909	4% £26
REFINERIES.							
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	£100	£100	{ £1,000,000 £100,000	Dr. 55,858	5s for year ending 31.12.08	38% £146 buyers
Loion Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	£100	£100	{ none	Dr. 135,833	5s for 1897	... 523
Penang Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 100,000	Tls. 9,173	Tls. 38 for year ending 31.8.08	Tls. 335 sales
MINING.							
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	£1	£1	{ £1,000,000	£11,556	Interim of 1/6 (coupon N. 12) for year ending 29.10.09	7% Tls. 201 buyers
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	£1	£1	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	Dr. 42,192	No. 12 of 1/- = 48 cents	... 58 sellers
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.							
Finwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	£25	£25	{ £1,000,000	Dr. 57,431	5s for year ending 31.12.08	51%
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	£50	£50	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£30,102	None	564 sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	£50	£50	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£345,162	Interim of 5s for account 1909	555 sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 1,000,000	Tls. 6,16	Final of Tls. 2/- for year ending 31.4.09	Tls. 761 buyers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 6,97,57 Tls. 100,000	Tls. 22,818	Final of Tls. 6 making Tls. 10 for 1908	Tls. 139 sellers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.							
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 100,000	Tls. 4,134	Tls. 6 for year ending 29.12.09	54% Tls. 105 buyers
Central Stores, Limited	10,000	£15	£15	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£24,618	£1.20 on old and 60 cents on first new issue	517 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	8,000	£50	£50	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£19,272	Interim of £2.40 on old and 40 cents on new shares for account 1909	573 new
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	£100	£100	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£26,475	Interim of 5s for account 1909	5104 buyers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	£10	£10	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£54,866	60 cents for 1908	59 sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	£50	£50	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£278	5s for 1908	590 sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	95,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 100,000	Tls. 142,404	Interim of Tls. 3 for account 1909	518 120 sellers
West Point Building Company, Limited	15,500	£50	£50	{ none	£1,968	Interim of 5s for account 1909	541 buyers
COTTON MILLS.							
Two Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 150,000 Tls. 45,839	Tls. 5 for year ended 31.10.1908	51% Tls. 148	
Hongkong Cotton Spinning and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	£10	£10	{ £1,000,000 £100,000	50 cents for year ended 31.7.08	6% 56 sellers	
In Amalioan Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	{ Tls. 175,000	Tls. 6 for year ended 30.9.06 (8%)	... Tls. 92	
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ none	Tls. 4,372	Tls. 4 for 1908	... Tls. 112
Tsui Chao Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	1,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	{ Tls. 15,911	Tls. 50 for 1906	... Tls. 460	
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	{ £1,500 £10,000	£648	15% per share for 1908	... 510 sellers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	10,000	£12	£12	{ £1,000 £10,000	N.L.	£1.10 or 1908	9% 513 buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	10,000	£10	£10	{ £1,000 £10,000	£61,138	50 cents for year ended 28.2.06	88% 56 sellers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	15,000	£10	£10	{ £1,000 £10,000	£34,407	80 cents for 1908	514 sales
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	£7½	£6	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£48	£1.20 for year ending 31.7.09	516 ex d.v. b.
Great Island Cement Company, Limited	100,000	£10	£10	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£375	Interim of 3s cents for account 1909	57 sales
H. Price & Company, Limited	11,000	£10	£10	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£70	80 cents for year ending 31.12.08	512
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	10,000	£10	£10	{ none	£1,195	5s and bonus 20 cents for year ending 29.12.09	520
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	£25	£25	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£7,616	Interim of 5s for account 1909	518 180 sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	£100	£100	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£18,900	Interim of 5s for account 1909	523 33 buyers
Matschappi tot Mijn, Bosch en Landbouwzaak	15,000	£100	£100	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£14,602	Third quarterly of Tls. 15 for account 1909	517 763
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	£10	£10	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£13,113	80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on £1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.09	518 31 buyers
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	£10	£10	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£1,204	None	... 59
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	£10	£10	{ none	£1,640	Final Tls. 5 making Tls. 8 for 1908	518 101 buyers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	10,000	£10	£10	{ Tls. 14,820 Tls. 75,000	£1,520	None	523 buyers
South China Moringa Post, Limited	6,000	£15	£15	{ none	Dr. 55,602	40 cents for year ending 31.5.08	... 558
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£15	{ none	£1,756	60 cents for year ending 31.12.08	5109 sales
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	£10	£10	{ none	£1,724	60 cents per old share for year ending 31.5.09	5112 buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	£10	£10	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£342	Final of 30 cents for 1908	5118 sellers
Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	£10	£10	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£6,613	Final of 30 cents making 80 cents for the year ended 30th June, 1906	5124 sellers
William Powell, Limited.	4,000	£5	£5	{ none	£7,81	Interim of 12½% for account 1909	5129
RUBBERS.							
Anglo-Malay Rubber Company, Limited (fully paid)	1,000,000	2/-	2/-	{ none	£1,100	25% for year ending 31.3.09	520 sellers
Balgowrie Rubber Estate, Limited	20,000	£1	£1	{ £1,000,000 £10,000	£1,220	None	520/5
Castlefield Rubber Estate, Limited	32,000	£1	£1	{ none	£1,220	25% for year ending 31.3.09	77/6
Damansara (Selangor) Rubber Co.	110,000	£1	£1	{ none	£1,220	None	527 sales
Golconda Malay Rubber Co.	80,000	£1	£1	{ none	£1,22		